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1. COMMISSION HAS APPROVED POLSKY AS PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE, MCILQUHAM FIRST ALTERNATE AND SCHUMACHER SECOND ALTERNATE. USEC/J STILL AWAITING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTTEL ON MCILQUHAM AND SCHUMACHER.

2. SINCE POLSKY ALREADY APPROVED BY BFS WILL SEND GRANT AUTHORIZATION SOON. GRANT ORIGINALLY BUDGETED AT PREDOCTORAL RATE BUT IN VIEW POLSKY'S EXPERIENCE USEC/J RAISING TO RESEARCH SCHOLAR B CATEGORY RATE OR YEN 252,000 PLUS FAMILY AND HOUSING ALLOWANCES BRINGING TOTAL MONTHLY ALLOWANCE TO YEN 360,000. IN ADDITION HE RECEIVES ROUNDTRIP BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE YEN 123,200. SETTLING IN ALLOWANCE YEN 72,000 AND NINE MONTH RESEARCH ALLOWANCE YEN 360,000. USEC/J THEREFORE NOT SYMPATHETIC TO HIS RECEIVING OUTSIDE REMUNERATION SINCE STIPPED CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR TOKYO. ANY NON-USEC/J FUNDS RECEIVED WOULD BE SUBJECT TO BFS POLICY 649.2 AND 649.3. IN PAST COMMISSION HAS NOT APPROVED EVEN HONORARIA FOR LECTUERS.

3. USEC/J UNDERSTANDS ASSURANCE OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT CANNOT BE GIVEN BY POLSKY AT THIS TIME BUT HOPES SUCH EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE WITH AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY OR
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